

Eve (Tara Kirk) tries her best to tempt Adam (Shaun Daknis) in Fairfax Theatre Company's production of 'Children of Eden.'

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# Against Tax on High Incomes

**Connolly: U.S. should pursue savings in health care costs before turning to additional taxes.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**U**.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) organized other freshman Democrats to oppose a component of his political party's health care proposal that

would have raised taxes on individuals earning \$280,000 or more per year and households earning \$350,000 or more per year, even though these households are among the wealthiest one percent in the country.

"Why are we talking about new taxes at all? We spend twice as much on health care as any other industrialized nation already," said Connolly, who thinks there are more ways to wring cost savings out of the current health care system.

The congressman said the pharmaceutical companies have put \$85 billion worth of savings on the table in terms of health care savings and the hospi-

tals have offered up \$130 billion. But the insurance industry has not offered up any cost savings so far, even though profits for the country's top 10 insurance companies have increased by 428 percent over the last decade, he said.

"The insurance companies have not put a dime on the table. ... We should be looking at new taxes as a last resort. We need to look at savings first before we consider revenue enhancement," said Connolly.

Still, the original version of the Democratic Party's health care reform plan called for a surtax that increases from one percent for those making between \$350,000 to \$500,000 to over five percent for people earning more than \$1 million.

After the objections of Connolly and some other Democrats, House speaker Nancy Pelosi has proposed bumping up the tax threshold to individuals earning \$500,000 and families earning \$1 million.

Though Connolly would like to avoid a new tax altogether, he said Pelosi's new proposal is more palatable than what was originally proposed.

It would have less of an impact on small business owners, who sometimes have to report their company's earning as personal income, he said.

With a household cut off of \$350,000, the original

**"These people have not inherited their wealth. ... We are not talking about Rockefellers."**

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

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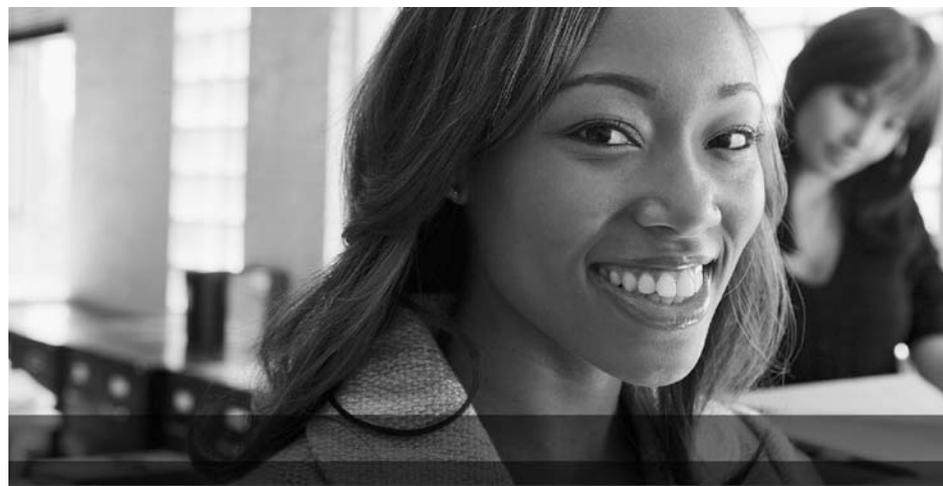


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## Knock, Knock

Team from Virginia Organizing Project canvasses Fairfax.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

At a time when most college-aged men and women are worrying about how to get money from their parents or cramming for their next exam, other Northern Virginian students are spending their summer getting a healthy dose of community activism.

The Virginia Organizing Project (VOP), a non-partisan, statewide grassroots organization that seeks to involve community members in the political process, is currently nearing the end of its six-week "Civic Engagement Program." This past week, the group made its way through the City of Fairfax. A team of five interns comprised of area college students is canvassing neighborhoods to discuss health care reform with citizens.

**"The economy has affected everyone no matter what class they're from."**

— Aleesha Fowler

"We ask people what issues are most important to them to see if there are any common problems in the area," said Catherine Perez, a rising senior at The College of William and Mary and Herndon native. "In return, they can find out about upcoming legislation on the issues important to them and who to contact."

At the beginning of the summer, the VOP, founded in 1995 in Charlottesville, sent 40 interns making \$11 an hour, eight hours a day across the state in teams to canvass neighborhoods. At each home, the interns read from a script that introduces their push for health care reform to come in the form of a public option, and ask the resident about his or her concerns. If the individual is receptive to the VOP's position, the interns will encourage them to call Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), who is currently on the fence in regards to health care reform.

"The people [of Fairfax] have been very receptive, especially after we tell

## In the Beginning ...



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Some of the cast members of 'Children of Eden' rehearse the song, 'Generations.'

## Fairfax Theatre Company stages first production: 'Children of Eden.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

A new summertime community theater, The City of Fairfax Theatre Company, is presenting its first-ever production, "Children of Eden," at Fairfax High. The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at [www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org](http://www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org) or \$12 at the door.

The company was founded by Fairfax High theater director Wendy Knight and Mike Replogle, who teaches musical theater at the Fairfax Academy. Replogle is directing this show, Knight is the technical director and Noah's wife and Annandale Symphony Director Chris Johnston is the music director.

With a cast and crew of about 40, plus a live orchestra, Replogle is happy because a majority of the actors have done either high school, college or community theater. "Most of them are outstanding students and know the music already," he said. "And vocally, it's going to be a hell of a show. Chris Johnston is a genius. The actors will paint a picture around the music and create something worth seeing, as well as listening to."

The story moves quickly and, said Replogle, "It's a fun way to look at the story of creation. It's not meant to be literal and

most of it is told through song. And children play animals in Eden and on the ark."

Playing God is Jim Hoffman, a community-theater veteran and the pastor of Fairfax Baptist Church. In this story, God is called "the Father," and "participates personally in his relationships with Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah and his fam-

**"It's a fun way to look at the story of creation."**

— Mike Replogle, director

ily," said Hoffman. "So he's a hands-on God."

People often have the idea that God is someplace else; but in this play, said Hoffman, "You really get the sense of his caring for his family and his disappointment when they don't choose the best [path]. And no matter what punishment he doles out, he keeps coming back to try to reconcile the relationship. At the end, the whole cast sings to the audience, letting them know they can have hope and be part of the reconciliation, too."

Hoffman said God is excited about creation, so there's a lot of joy and celebration. "He created Adam and Eve because he didn't want to be lonely, anymore," said Hoffman. "He wanted someone he could

love, care for and relate to. I have three children and five grandchildren, so it's easy for me to adapt to the role and it's a very real part. Overall, the audience will enjoy the show's playfulness, plus the drama of human relationships we all go through. The audience will experience many emotions and won't leave sad."

Tara Kirk, a theater-performance major at Wagner College in New York, portrays Eve. "At first, she's bubbly, inquisitive and excited," said Kirk. "She's ready to learn and wants to know everything. Then she eats the apple and becomes strong-willed. She wants to invent things and live on her own with Adam, doing her own thing in the Garden of Eden. Then they're banished from the garden and she becomes a mother. But she still loves God and wants to go back home with her family."

Kirk has played Eve before and calls it one of her favorite roles. "I've always been interested in this story and I think this whole show and its music are beautiful," she said. "My favorite song is 'Spark of Creation.' Eve sings about how inspired she is to get out there and learn and explore, and it inspires me, as a woman who'll be going out into the world, to follow my intuition."

She said the audience will enjoy the stories in this family-oriented show. "There's such a talented cast," said Kirk. "And the music, from slow tempo to an African-feel song to gospel, will appeal to everyone."

Playing Adam is Shaun Daknis, who

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX

## Two Fairfax Teens Charged With Vandalizing Vehicles

City of Fairfax Police have charged two teens in connection with the vandalism of several vehicles in the city. They are Ethan Gregory Harris, 19, of the 3200 block of Nottage Lane, Fairfax, and Vincent Thakozan Stoutjesdijk, 19, of 9400 block of Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax.

On Wednesday, July 15 at 6:19 a.m., a citizen reported that numerous vehicles had been vandalized in the 4300 block of Ramona Drive. Responding officers identified at least 42 parked vehicles that had been damaged by scratching the paint with a sharp object, tearing off gas-tank covers or ripping off emblems. Total damage has been estimated at \$40,000.

According to police, that same day, around 8:45 a.m., a citizen reported a suspicious person trying to break into a vehicle in the 10500 block of West Drive. Officers responded and initially charged Harris with being drunk in public. A short time later, in the area of West and Ramona drives, officers found a second person that said he was looking for Harris.

On the basis of information developed during the course of investigation, Harris and that second person, Stoutjesdijk, were both charged in connection with the multiple, vehicle vandalisms. In addition, the breaking of solar yard lights and vandalism of mailboxes in the 10600 block of West Drive were also determined to be related cases.

Police charged Harris and Stoutjesdijk with five counts each of felony destruction of property. They were released from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, that same day, on \$10,000 bond each and have Aug. 7 court dates.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## First Person Sentenced For Gamestop Robbery

In the fall of 2007, five people armed with a handgun and a rifle robbed the Gamestop store in Fairfax of thousands of dollars worth of iPods, Xbox 360s, PlayStation 3s and other gaming equipment.

Now, a 23-year-old Prince William County woman has become the first one of them to be sent to prison. On July 10, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Jennifer Jackson was sentenced to seven years in a federal penitentiary.

The robbery happened on the morning of Sept. 27, 2007. According to court spokesman Peter Carr, "The conspirators, armed with a handgun and a rifle, entered the store, used the weapons to take control of the store employees and robbed the store of video games, video game systems, digital media players and assorted Gamestop merchandise."

Afterward, they loaded the stolen items into a waiting vehicle and fled. They later divided up the merchandise among themselves.

A former Gamestop employee, Steven Turrentine, helped plan the robbery and then participated in it along with fellow Prince William County residents Calvin Shankland Drayton, 29; James Chad Dipaolo, 21; Daniel Berkwit, 20; and Jackson. All five robbers were eventually captured and prosecuted in federal court, and all of them have now been convicted and have upcoming sentencing dates.

Jackson was the first at bat, after having pleaded guilty to brandishing a firearm. Judge James C. Cacheris sentenced her to 84 months in prison, followed by three years supervised release.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## National Night Out, Aug. 4

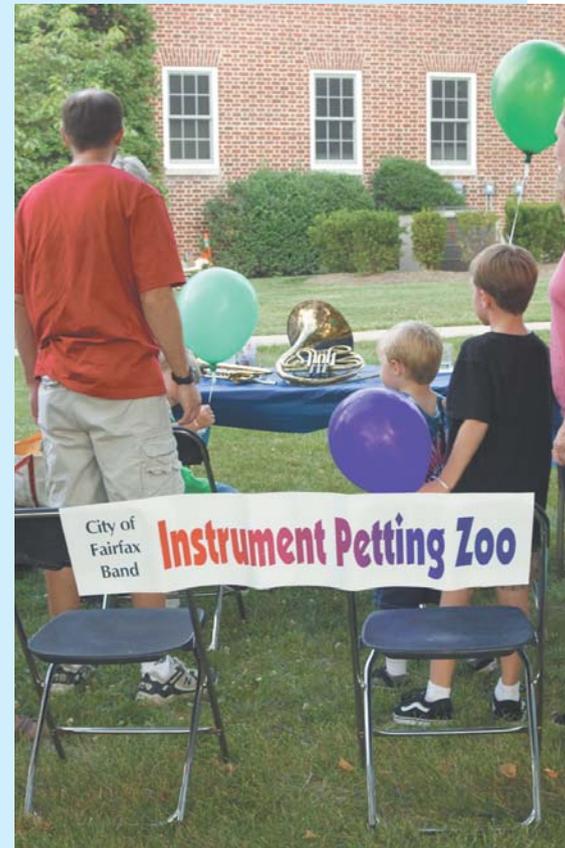
The City of Fairfax Police Department invites local residents to participate, Tuesday, Aug. 4, as it joins forces with thousands

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Playful members of the City of Fairfax Band wear themed hats as they play songs from popular children's movies. The City of Fairfax Band hosted a free concert for children on July 16.



Excited children explore instruments.



The City of Fairfax Band provided the opportunity for children to get up close and personal with instruments before the start of the July 16 Children's Concert.

# Sounds of Summer

City of Fairfax band presents annual Children's Concert July 16 on City Hall grounds.



The City of Fairfax Band plays songs from popular family films while families relax on the lawn.

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of communities nationwide for the 26th annual National Night Out.

This event is designed to heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It also sends a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6:30-9 p.m., residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods will host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police and flashlight walks.

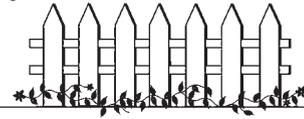
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# Some Swine Flu Risks

If you're sick, stay home from work; if children are sick, keep them home from school.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Virginia has had more than 300 confirmed or probable cases of swine flu, and two deaths from the swine flu, including one in Arlington. A 27-year-old Alexandria man, hospitalized with a confirmed case of H1N1 flu, died in June.

We suspect the actual number of cases of swine flu in Virginia to be much higher, given the example of other states, e.g. Wisconsin, which reports more than 6,000 probably or confirmed cases of swine flu, but just eight deaths.

Cases have spiked in Virginia in recent weeks according to the Virginia Department of Health, during a time when health officials say anyone with flu symptoms of sore throat, fever and cough almost certainly is infected with swine flu. The regular, seasonal flu is almost unheard of this time of year. The CDC identifies the level of infection in Virginia as "regional," with the level of infection in Maryland as "widespread."

Overall, so far swine flu has been more mild than feared, with most people recovering without hospitalization. Seasonal flu, as differentiated from swine flu, kills about 36,000 people nationwide each year; about 1,000 people die in Virginia each year from influenza and pneumonia.

**THE CDC** is predicting that swine flu will continue to spread through the summer and into the fall and winter, and will be a significant complicating factor when the seasonal influenza strikes when the weather gets cold. The CDC reports: "The novel H1N1 virus, in conjunction with regular seasonal influenza viruses, poses the potential to cause significant

illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths during the U.S. influenza season."

The primary method to avoid the spread of the swine flu is to tell people who are sick to stay home from work, keep sick children home from school or camp. Call your doctor's office, let them know you have flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat), so your doctor can determine if you would benefit from an antiviral medication. People who have had the swine flu are deemed contagious for seven days after the onset of symptoms, or until all symptoms have disappeared, whichever is longer.

All of our health in the coming year will depend on people following the advice to stay home if sick and seeking the right medical attention from a doctor's office, not the emergency room.

**BUT WHAT** about the millions of workers who have no (or very limited) paid sick leave? What about the millions of people who have no health insurance and have no doctor to consult by phone?

According to a new report from an advocacy group, Health Care for America Now, in Virginia, about 12 percent of whites, 17 percent of African Americans and 45 percent of Latinos lack health insurance.

According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, about half of workers (excluding those who work for government) have no paid sick leave.

The rest of us who are blessed with access to health care and paid sick days are at risk as other workers are under intense financial pressure to go to work even when they are sick, or

of uninsured and underinsured Americans would have competitive choices of affordable health care coverage. By taking these folks out of our emergency rooms and promoting preventative coverage, we will all benefit.

**Caroline Kane**  
Annandale

## Best Choice

To the Editor:

I believe that the argument over whether we should have public option has been tainted with the idea that such a system would be economically harmful. Some think that a public option would be a strong impediment to free market capitalism in the insurance business. Many balk at the admittedly intimidating price tag required to bring about reform.

I think that we need to take a careful look at our current healthcare system. Fifteen percent of our GDP is spent on healthcare alone, which is responsible for a large percentage of bankruptcies in this country. We pay twice as much as the nearest industrialized nation for a system that consistently delivers low rankings in life expectancy and infant mortality. We aren't getting the results that we're paying for.

Meanwhile, other countries continue to adapt. China is currently considering adopting a national health care plan. Chinese workers on average save 40 percent of their incomes in paying and preparing for health care issues. With a national plan, that sequestered income can be better put to use in spending and investment.

**Mica Moore**  
Fairfax

## Frequently Asked Questions New H1N1 Virus (Swine Influenza)

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported vomiting and diarrhea.

What is the incubation period after exposure?

About 1-4 days. If a week has gone by from when you know you were exposed, it's not likely you will get sick.

Are there medicines to treat the new H1N1 virus?

Antivirals don't cure you of flu, but they do work to lessen the duration and severity of symptoms. ... Influenza antiviral drugs work best when started soon after symptoms appear, usually within two days. You must have a prescription to receive these medications.

How can people decrease the spread of the new (H1N1) virus?

Taking the following steps can decrease the spread of flu: frequent hand washing; covering coughs; having ill persons stay home, except to seek medical care; minimizing contact with others; having household members of cases minimize contact in the community, to the extent possible; reducing unnecessary social contacts; avoiding crowded settings, when possible; keeping children home from school if they are ill. If you are sick, stay home and call your doctor, wash your hands often.

Source: Virginia Department of Health  
<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/news/Alerts/SwineFlu/index.htm>

their children are sick.

There are no simple answers, but it's also important to recognize the growing costs of the status quo on health care.

— MARY KIMM  
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## Public Opinion Decides It

To the Editor:

The oft-made comparison between the postal service and the public health care option is a valid one. Like the public option would do, the USPS operates on a national level and is competitive when compared to FedEx or UPS. If people want to use FedEx or DHL, or their company has an account with a company like that, they get to make the choice. FedEx and UPS can't provide unsatisfactory service because they're competing with a public option, the postal service.

The same would occur with health care. The public option would be there, ready and waiting to absorb those who private

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companies won't cover. In order to compete, private companies would have to adapt to the new market, something that would lead to improvement for those under both private and public insurance. The public option would lower premium costs across the board, would cover the unemployed and would never prevent someone from receiving coverage due to preexisting conditions. If private companies want to compete successfully, they'll have to up their quality of care.

The comparison between health care and the postal system does not end there just as there is a special relationship between resident and postal worker, there is one, albeit a much more important one, between doctor and patient. Currently, doctors can only provide as much care as the insurance companies will pay for, unless the patient can cover the rest of the expenses. With the public option and more people paying into the system, care will improve and the insurance company intrusion into the doctor-patient relationship will be diminished.

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# Relays Take Center Stage

**Sixty-four teams compete at 2009 NVSL All-Star Relay Carnival.**

BY KENNETH BURCHIEL  
THE CONNECTION

Swimmers from across the region set eight records at the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) All-Star Relay Carnival, with Overlee winning the event ahead of Tuckahoe and Chesterbrook.

The annual event, which took place at Springboard Recreation Club in Springfield on Thursday, July 15, featured 22 different relays. Parents, coaches and teammates crowded around two sides of the six-lane pool to cheer on 64 different teams.

"It's exciting, as always," said Tracy Fortman, a co-team representative for Orange Hunt. "It's always a fun meet."

Swimmers arrived at the pool in cars decorated with streamers and soap lettering. Nearby Lee High School served as an overflow parking lot, and individual tents stood in an adjoining field to accommodate the teams. The focus of the event, however, was the pool.

"We're very proud to [host] it," said volunteer coordinator Rosemary Kley.

**THE EVENT** required plenty of assistance. Twenty judges, six electronic timers, 30 marshals and seven clerks comprised only a portion of those involved in managing the event. Other workers helped out with awards, the program and the check-in area.

Dennis Zimmerman, the current president of Springboard, did not think that his pool would ever be picked for the All-Star Relays.

"We're very happy and pleased" to accommodate the relays, Zimmerman said. "This is really fun for us."

Springboard used to be a "second-tier pool," Zimmerman said, but he noted that the pool has changed significantly after a series of renovations to add a clubhouse roof, pavilion and a new diving board.

The Division 4 Fairfax swim team set a record in the mixed-age 200-meter freestyle relay, with Rachel Ward, Anna Ober, Rachel Rogers and Jean DeOrnellas completing the event in 1 minute, 57.98 seconds.

"I was really excited," Rogers said. "I pretty much jumped up and down and screamed."

Rogers noted that "we were seeded first by a lot," but was not sure that they would break the 17-year-old record, which they did. She also said that the All-Star Relays "are my favorite memories of summer."

Tuckahoe set a record of its own in the 15-18 girls' 200 medley relay, as Eva Green, Karen Schirm, Megan Howard and Margo Harlow broke the standing record by over two seconds with their time of 2:01.46.

"We just got in and raced, and the magic happened," Harlow said. "It was so much fun."

Harlow has been swimming extensively during the summer. Her schedule has been "eat, sleep and swim," she said, but added "I love everything about



**The Fairfax swim team placed fourth at the NVSL's All-Star Relay Carnival last week with 356 points. Pictured, from left, are team members Hannah Basil, Rachel Rogers, Jake Desroches and Matt Megaw.**



**Orange Hunt teammates, from left, Madelaine Sieracki, Robyn Dryer, Brittany Creasy and Madalyn Pemberton won the 11-12-year-old girls' 100-meter medley relay with a time of 1 minute, 3.45 seconds.**

it."

Lydia Packard, along with team members Michaela Morrison, Anna Polise and Emma Day, helped Overlee by winning the 9-10 girls' 100 freestyle relay.

"It feels good knowing that my friends and family are supporting me," Packard said.

Orange Hunt's 11-12 girls' 100 freestyle relay team of Madalyn Pemberton, Robyn Dryer, Brittany Creasy and Madelaine Sieracki took first place.

Winning, apparently, does not come easy. The team practices Monday through Friday, from 8-9:15 a.m. each day.

"It's summer, and you expect to sleep in," Creasy said, but added

that "we'll be proud of it in the long run."

The races concluded with the 15-18 boys' 200 freestyle relay. Though Chesterbrook was seeded first for the event, Highlands Swim beat out the 17 other teams with a record-setting time of 1:37.92. Chuck Katis, Stephen Richards, Charlie Putnam and Brian Murphy comprised the winning group.

Two more notable events are on the NVSL calendar this season. Divisional meets are Saturday, July 25, while the Individual All-Stars meet is Saturday, Aug. 1. Broyhill Crest (Annandale) will host the individual showcase, which is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

## WEEK IN SPORTS



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**Joseph Frommelt, from left, John Kim, Troy Springer and Don Tucker of the Chase Club Sharks set a record in the 13-14-year-old boys' 200-yard medley relay during a Colonial Swim League meet on July 12. The foursome finished with a time of 1 minute, 53.64 seconds. Earlier in the week, Tucker broke two individual records in the 50 breaststroke (29.83) and 100 IM (59.90).**

## Sharks Rock at Annual Meet

The Chase Club Sharks hosted their annual Rock-n-Roll swim meet on Saturday, July 18. Parents and swimmers wore tied T-shirts and danced around the pool. Though Chase Club suffered a 255-188 loss to Fort Myer, 41 personal-best times were achieved. A.J. Kim, Eric Tucker, Donald Tucker, Doug Timms and Elyn Baumgardner all won three events, while the Sharks earned sweeps in the 9-10-year-old boys' freestyle, 9-10 boys' backstroke and 13-14 boys' butterfly. Chase Club will host this year's Colonial Swim League Blue Division meet on Saturday, July 25, where it will raffle off a 2009 Blues Traveler T-shirt signed by the band and a custom-engraved harmonica signed by the group's lead singer, John Popper.

## Some Real Wizardry

The Kings Ridge Water Wizards completed their 2009 Northern Virginia Swim League season by grabbing the team's first division title since 1998, which was sealed with a 252-149 win over Lincolnia Park on Saturday, July 18. With the victory, Kings Ridge ran its record to 5-0 this summer. During the victory, Amanda Kendall set a 15-18-year-old girls' butterfly record with her time of 28:54 seconds. The Water Wizards were led to victory this year by a strong and dedicated group of coaches that included Cody Kendall, Hailey Hewitt and Tom Koucheravy.

## SYA Enjoys Beach Blast

Playing barefoot on sand, the Southwestern Youth Association Storm, a U-10 girls' soccer team, remained unaffected. The Storm, creatively dubbed Category 5, captured the 2009 Beach 5 Sand Soccer Tournament, on July 27 in Ocean City, Md. Sponsored by Keller Williams Fairfax Gateway Realtor Group, the Storm went 4-0-0 throughout the tournament and outscored its opponents, 18-1. In the first two rounds, the Storm notched wins over the ASA Royalty and the BMYSA Stingrays by a total score of 10-0. In the championship game following a semifinal win over the CSA Speed, the Storm earned a 5-1 win over the HMMS United Team to win the tournament for the second straight year.

## Softball Tryouts Aug. 15-16

The Virginia Patriots, a fastpitch softball team made up of high school-age girls, will conduct tryouts for its 2009-10 team on Aug. 15-16 at Falls Church High School. Both tryouts will be from 2-4 p.m. Prior to attending, call or e-mail coach E.J. Thomas so that an information packet can be prepared. Contact Thomas at ejt1609@aol.com or 703-255-2613.

# THEATER



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Striking a film-noir-style dramatic pose are some of the actors in Ovation's first production, 'Byline: Amanda Danger.'

## Film Noir Comedy on Stage

Students from local schools perform summer show at Robinson.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

A comedy adventure that parodies the drama, romance and intrigue of film noir, "Byline: Amanda Danger" will be presented by Ovation, a new summer-theater company organized by the Robinson Drama Boosters.

The production is comprised of students from schools including Lake Braddock, Robinson, Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools, Flint Hill and Franklin, Rocky Run and Rachel Carson middle schools.

The story is about a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who goes on a wild adventure from Chicago to Venice in pursuit of the key to immortality. Show times are Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 1, at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door (no advance sales).

**"It's a smart comedy with a message, plus layers of entertainment."**

— Julie Wharton, director

**ROCKY RUN MIDDLE** Theater Director Julie Wharton is directing, assisted by 2007 Robinson grad Kathleen Burnard, majoring in theater in college. Burnard is also conducting audition workshops so the students will leave with resumes, head shots and monologues they've created. Both she and Wharton are delighted to be part of Ovation's first production.

"For years, Robinson offered a summer drama camp for younger students, but this is the first year they've

done a play for older students," said Wharton. "We've been rehearsing since June 29 and things are going really well. Although the kids are from several schools, they clicked quickly and easily and are enjoying working together."

She said it's an "enormously fun, but complicated" play. However, since all 17 actors are also the tech crew, Wharton said the result is a cohesive vision. "It's funny and fast-paced and will appeal to different age groups, 8 and up," she said. "Older people will get the film noir jokes and the time and place setting. It's a smart comedy with a message, plus layers of entertainment."

**PLAYING THE TITLE** role is Robinson sophomore Morgan Miller. "Amanda's bold and brave, goes after what she wants, is witty and clever and is a quick learner," said Miller. "For example, she learns the entire Italian language while on a plane. She's spunky, young and energetic, but not naïve."

As the star reporter at her daily newspaper, "Amanda gets all the cool stories, travels and investigates people," said Miller. "It's rewarding because, since it's such a large part, you really get to dive into your character and you have more to work with to define her and make her complex with thoughts, opinions and actions."

Miller said it's fun playing noir because the actors are so serious and dramatic, but their actions are funny to the audience. "People will enjoy how the story progresses — and it's not predictable," she said.

Playing Carmelita Clandestina is Robinson freshman Olivia Serio. "She's the smart one of the group," said Serio. "She's in love with Benedito, but plays off his weaknesses to make him do what she wants — and she cheats at cards. It's fun because it takes more talent to play the bad guy."

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## THEATER

# 'Children of Eden' at Fairfax

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graduated from a music college in Memphis. "I found out about this show in the talent section on Craigslist," he said. "I'm new to musical theater, but I played Abel last year in the same play in Greenbelt, Md. I see Adam as optimistic, openhearted and desiring to please everybody. At one point, he's conflicted about choosing between God and his wife, and he lives with the consequences."

He said it's fun playing a child who ages into an old man. "And that's the challenge of it. Adam has to carry the weight of his decisions, 10-15 years later," said Daknis. "It's cool because he's caring, loving and dedicated toward his wife and family, passionate and always striving to do the right thing."

Furthermore, he said, "I believe in this show's message. A song lyric says our hands can choose to stop the hating, for every moment of our life is the beginning. It shows that people who fail can be redeemed."

Tom Keithly of Fairfax's Kings Park West community, portrays Noah, act two's lead character and the continuation of the relationship with God, the Father. "God tells Noah to build an ark because he's unhappy with the race of Cain and those who've gone astray, and he's going to flood the earth and start again," said Keithly. "But Noah doesn't know if God's serious and he has to decide where the animals will come from."

However, God doesn't want anyone from the race of Cain to be on board. "But one of Noah's sons falls in love with Yonah, a girl from that race, and that poses a dilemma for Noah," said Keithly. "It also leads to questions people still wrestle with: What is God's plan for me? How free are we to choose something else? And how do we balance what we think he wants and what we think is best?"

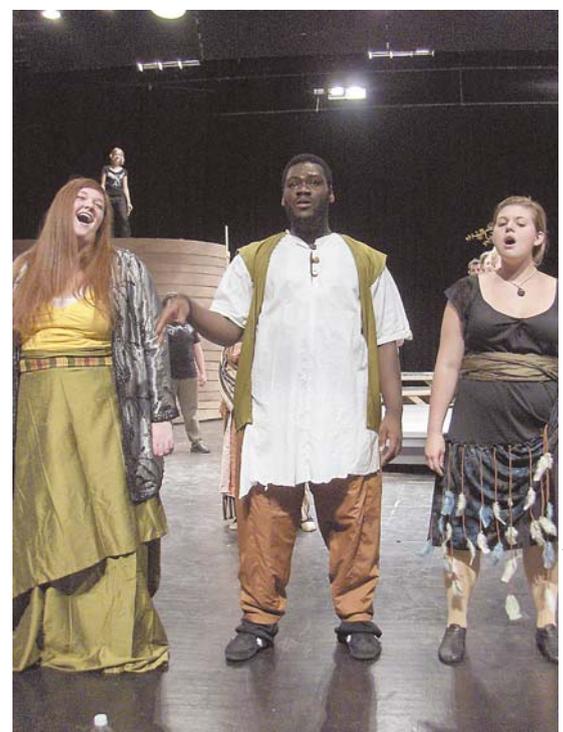


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The storytellers are, from left, **Brittany Washington, 2005 Oakton High grad;** **Edward Brient, 2008 Chantilly High grad;** and **Heather Kirschenbauer, 2008 Fairfax High grad.**

Besides the entertaining storyline, Daknis said the show will appeal to the audience visually because of the costumes, set and colors, and musically because it's by Stephen Schwartz, who composed "Wicked" and "Godspell."

"Replogle and Johnston are real professionals and bring a lot of expertise to convey the story," said Daknis.

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**The BBQ Across America Tour with Ace Enders & A Million Different People, Person L, The Gay Blades, The Dangerous Summer and School Boy Humor.** 6:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**The Auld Shebeen D.J. Dance Party** from 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$5 cover charge, 21 and up only. Ladies free until midnight. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

**Civil War Talk.** "The Civil War at Fairfax Court House" will be the topic for a talk and book signing by local historian and author Edward Trexler at 2 p.m., Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Books, including Trexler's other works will be available for purchase (cash and checks, only) and signing. Free. Light refreshments will be served. 703-591-0560.

**Alte Kameraden**, an ensemble of

the City of Fairfax Band, performs a free concert featuring authentic German folk music and polkas 8 p.m. at Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-757-0220, [www.fairfaxband.org](http://www.fairfaxband.org).

**Tongue Twisters.** 2:30 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. All ages. Ventriloquist and storyteller Sandi Sylver brings songs and stories to life. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Registration required.

### FRIDAY/JULY 24

**"Split Personality" Shane Hines and the Trance.** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra.** 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-324-SHOW.

**The Taters.** 7:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. 703-324-SHOW.

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**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Virginia Railway Express parking lot at 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

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13100 PEBBLE LN	5	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$381,000	Detached	0.31		GREENBRIAR
4109 SIDEBURN RD	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$380,000	Detached	0.24		GREEN ACRES
12810 MOUNT ROYAL LN	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$378,000	Detached	0.39		GREENBRIAR
4480 MARKET COMMONS DR	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$377,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ELAN AT EAST MARKET
12321 FIELD LARK CT	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.03		FAIR RIDGE
10908 WOODHAVEN DR	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$375,000	Detached	0.25		FAIRCHESTER
3876 WAYTHORN PL	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR WOODS
12494 FANLEAF CT	2	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$374,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAIR WOODS
10556 ASSEMBLY DR	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$374,000	Townhouse	0.04		THE ASSEMBLY
4480 MARKET COMMONS DR#404	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$373,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			ELAN AT EAST MARKET
10212 RAIDER LN	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$372,000	Detached	0.22		MOSBY WOODS
4490 MARKET COMMONS DR#409	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$358,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ELAN AT EAST MARKET
12203 APPLE ORCHARD CT	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$356,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR RIDGE
3887 WILCOXSON DR	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.06		COMSTOCK
3948 COLLIS OAK CT	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR WOODS
13100 POINT PLEASANT DR	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$351,000	Detached	0.20		GREENBRIAR
4024 WOODLAND DR	5	3	0		FAIRFAX	\$350,000	Detached	0.18		WESTMORE
4430 MINIATURE LN	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$350,000	Detached	0.22		GREENBRIAR
3721 FOXFIELD LN	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$347,000	Townhouse	0.06		FOXFIELD
13126 MOSS RANCH LN	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$340,000	Detached	0.21		GREENBRIAR
3901 FAIRFAX FARMS RD	3	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$340,000	Detached	1.06		FAIRFAX FARMS
3885 BRADWATER ST	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$339,000	Townhouse	0.04		COMSTOCK
12902 MISTY CT	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$338,000	Detached	0.25		GREENBRIAR
4659 RED ADMIRAL WAY #153	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$332,000	Townhouse			WILLOW OAKS
4300T CANNON RIDGE CT #19	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$330,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			CHRISTOPHER AT CEDAR LKS
12602 JAMES BERGEN WAY	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAIR LAKES
10714 JONES ST	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$330,000	Detached	0.23		JOYCE HEIGHTS
4120 MAUREEN LN	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$330,000	Detached	0.21		GREENBRIAR
4200 MINTSTRELL LN	4	3	0		FAIRFAX	\$327,900	Detached	0.20		GREENBRIAR
3929 COLLIS OAK CT	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAIR WOODS
12129 WEDGEWAY PL	2	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$324,990	Townhouse	0.05		PENDERBROOK
4224 WHEELLED CAISSON SQ	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$323,500	Townhouse	0.03		CEDAR LAKES
4616 HUMMINGBIRD WAY#100	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$322,500	Townhouse			WILLOW OAKS FAIR LAKES
4619 HUMMINGBIRD LN #111	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$315,000	Townhouse			WILLOW OAKS
4128 ROBERTS RD	4	3	0		FAIRFAX	\$315,000	Detached	0.35		MAPLE HILL
3807 FOXFIELD LN	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.03		FOXFIELD
3710 KEEPER CT	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.03		FOXFIELD
13342 TANNERY CT	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.03		FOXFIELD
3751 BROOMSEDGE CT	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.03		FRANKLIN GLEN
4429A BEECHSTONE LN	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$300,000	Townhouse			EAST MARKET
4289 WHEELLED CAISSON SQ	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$299,900	Townhouse	0.02		CEDAR LAKES
13152 MORNING SPRING LN	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$295,000	Detached	0.19		GREENBRIAR
4320 CANNON RIDGE CT #73	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$295,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			CHRISTOPHER AT CEDAR LKS
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3912 KEITH AVE	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$275,000	Detached	0.30		MOORE AND OLIVER
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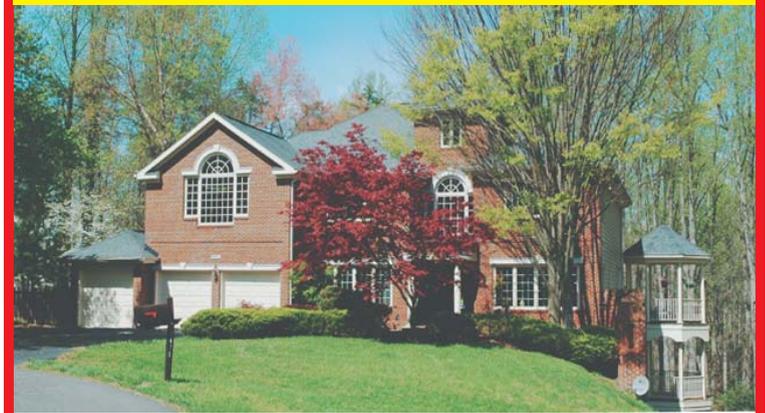
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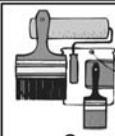
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# Public Option Canvassers

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them we don't want to take away private insurance," Perez said. "There are plenty of people who are really interested in the public option."

In addition to providing an outlet for political activism, the experience has also provided a new-found perspective on the health care situation facing the country. Each of the five members from the Fairfax County team said that while canvassing, they encountered people who have been hit hard by the recent economic downturn, and it proved to them that the health care issue is far-reaching.

Janie Williams, one of the five interns, said that she met a middle-aged woman who initially was unreceptive to the interns knocking at her door. However, after reading the script, Williams said that the woman's tone changed, and she soon opened up about her issues. Williams said that the woman told her that she recently lost her job, and therefore her health insurance. As a result, she got married much earlier than she wanted, simply to be put on her husband's health care plan.

"I've been pleasantly surprised, and I rarely am," Williams said. "There's been so many days where I've walked up to houses with people dripping in sweat while landscaping or homes with a single mom with two kids who is trying to cook dinner and they have still been more than willing to talk. The people are very hospitable, even if they don't agree with us."

What struck intern Aleesha Fowler of Stafford the most was when they went into an upscale neighborhood only to find people hurt by the economy, and as a result, they were without health insurance.

"My definition of low income has



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**VOP interns Joe Huennekens, Aleesha Fowler, Catherine Perez, Atlee Webber and Janie Williams.**

changed," Fowler said. "The economy has affected everyone no matter what class they're from. We've been to wealthy neighborhoods and seen people who have lost their jobs and have no health care."

According to VOP Communications Director Julie Blust at the end of June, interns across the state had knocked on nearly 82,000 doors, with the Fairfax group carrying its fair share of the total. With only two weeks left, the total is sure to increase rapidly as the young men and women gain insight and perspective on the issues, and therefore, become more passionate.

"There are so many homes that have children and spouses that depend on one person for health care coverage," said intern Atlee Webber of Alexandria. "They don't have any control over it, but yet they are directly affected by it."

# Connolly on Health Plan

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tax plan would also have affected some of Connolly's constituents, since the congressman represents one of the wealthiest congressional districts in the nation. Connolly said that about 14 percent of households he represents earn more than \$200,000 annually.

The bulk of Connolly's district is in Fairfax County, where the median annual household income was \$102,460 in 2007. In that same year, the nation's median household income was about \$50,007, according to the U.S. Census.

Even if they are among the wealthiest households in the country, Connolly said his constituents should not be considered in the same way as Hollywood movie moguls or investors on Wall Street.

"These people have not inherited their wealth. ... We are not talking about Rockefellers," he said.

The median household income in Northern Virginia is higher because both adults in a household are more likely to work full time as professionals than in other parts of the country, said Connolly.

A couple where both members held high-ranking civil servant jobs in the federal government could make close to \$350,000 per year, he said.

Connolly is also worried about the piling-on effect of President Barack Obama's tax policy on those in the upper income brackets.

The president already intends to let George W. Bush's tax cuts for those who make over \$250,000 annually expire in 2011. This means that wealthier people will automatically see a tax increase, regardless of whether the health care surcharge is added or not. "If all we were talking about is this surcharge, it would be a different situation," said Connolly.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), who represents northern and western Fairfax, is opposed to several aspect of the health care proposal, including the suggestion of a tax increase, said Dan Scandling, Wolf's chief of staff.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who represents Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, shares some of Connolly's concerns about the tax burden, said Austin Durrer, Moran's communications director.

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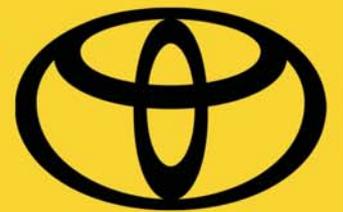
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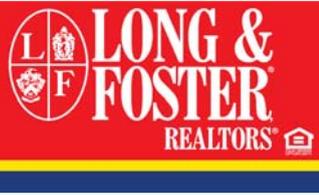


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